



# NEBCA News

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*Autumn on the Milliken farm, Kingston Ontario*

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**THOSE WE HAVE LOST****2023**

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George Northrup

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We'll see you down the road

**ELECTIONS !!!!! For Board of Directors**

Ballot is enclosed, or find it on the website **Members Only** section. Mail to Martha Walke

**FILL OUT FRONT AND BACK !!!****A REMINDER**

As the 2024 NEBCA membership renewal season approaches, the new membership form will be going up on the website and will also be sent out with the December Newsletter. This new form reflects the **increase of \$5.00 for annual membership fees - \$30.00 for an Individual Membership and \$35.00 for a Family/Farm Membership.**

**There is also a new \$10.00/year fee for the paper version of the NEBCA Newsletter.** This fee does not apply to Life Members. There is no fee for the electronic version. Calendars remain at \$10.00 with your renewal.

These two fee increases were voted in by the membership present at recent Zoom meetings.

All members should fill out the new membership form for their 2024 renewal. If you have previously been receiving a paper version of the Newsletter and do not pay for the Newsletter, you will automatically be changed to the electronic version.

**No 2024 membership renewals will be accepted at the previous fees.**

Thank you for your attention to this.

Martha Walke, NEBCA Secretary

**A Message from the Calendar Committee:**

Etta says, "The 2024 NEBCA Calendars are finally here!"

See page 24 for ordering instruction. See page 20 for information re the 2025 calendar.

**From the Editor**

Sadly, we begin our Newsletter with another Remembrance on the passing of a long-time, seminal and beloved NEBCA member, George Northrup, pp. 4-7. While we mourn our loss, the comments shared by fellow sheepdoggers provide for joyous memories.

Hood's Farm Novice trial took place in August and results were reported in the Fall newsletter. However, trial host Jean Barrett did submit an article which did not make it in along with the scores so it is included here (p. 10). This is a new (hopefully to be continued) trial that I believe many people were not aware of so I urge you to read this piece; you may want to start making your plans for next year's trial as it sounds like a lovely venue; thank you Jean.

Deb Donahue along with other NEBCA members trekked to Northern Ireland for the World Sheepdog trials in September. Her report (pp. 12-19) will transport you to the green grass, chilly rain and nail-biting excitement of this star-studded event. Enjoy sitting beside Deb as she takes you through the four days of the world's best sheepdog trialers battling it out for a big shield and bragging rights.

NEBCA's Fall Foliage event and the award for High Points dog as well as some leftover trial results from the summer (Lancaster Fair) round out this issue. Of course not to be forgotten is everyone's favorite page, the Treasurers's report (pp. 21-22). But seriously you might want to have a look at how NEBCA acquires and spends it money.

**SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!**



## We remember George Northrup

**Longtime NEBCA member George Northrup passed away on May 4, 2023. George and his wife, Kate Collins, lived in Royalston, MA at their farm where they raised sheep, cattle, and working Border Collies. George and Kate were together for 51 years and shared an incredible life. George was a true force within NEBCA. Below, some handlers share a few memories of a life well-lived.**

*My memories of George go back to the beginning of my time with working border collies. George judged some of my early trials and I can still hear him giving advice to novices; I always thought that George was one of the best judges I've trialed under. He was fair, consistent and attentive to each run. I am glad I hired him for was to be his final judging assignment at Fetch Gate in July 2022. I'm pretty sure that I'll never score a 99 at a trial again, but I did there, under George, and I'll never forget it or that George was the judge. I've traveled to the UK a few times to see the International and World Trials and George and Kate were always there. They loved to travel and to watch the trials, George especially. In 2011, at the World Trial in England, I remember one night when a group of us went out to dinner. Included in our group were Sue Main and Gwyn Jones (Penmachno) – two legendary Scottish trainers and handlers. Wow, how amazing to have dinner with them! Alas, the table at the restaurant wasn't big enough for our whole group and three of us (George, Fiona Robertson and me)*



**At the kid's table**



*ended up at our own "kids" table. We still had fun and I'll always remember that night. ~Carolyn West*

It's hard to believe he is gone. It has been an honor to know and to respect George. Even though we didn't agree on everything, I counted George as my friend. I loved to hear Kate and George talk about their lives together: at Sky, the commune, building Aurora Ranch, dogs, sheep, lambs, trials, etc. They had a wonderful full life together and dearly loved and cared for each other. One thing I have learned is that the longer you live the more people, family and friends you lose. I have recently lost a very close friend and even now over two years later I keep my feeling about him to myself. I remember the funny things rather than the sad of our times together, much as I do now thinking of George.

A tale of George: It was 2013 and George was the Chair of NEBCA Open Committee. Bud and Mary Ames were hosting the NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial. Carol Champion was judging and George was trial director. We started each day early and Betsy and I made sure we had coffee and breakfast stuff ready for Carol, George, and the set-out crews. As the day began I stood next to the trailer where Carol was judging and George watching. I asked George if he needed anything as I was about to leave to run my dog. George said he'd like a coffee and something sweet so I went to fulfill his request. Betsy made the coffee and I grabbed a Little Debbie Apple pie for George. Running back to George I handed him his coffee and the box with the pie. He took a sip of his coffee then opened the box, pulled the pie out and took a big bite. I can't describe the look of utter disgust on George's face! He grabbed a napkin and politely spit out the pie into the napkin and put both the napkin and the remainder of pie in the garbage can. With a stifled laugh I asked if he was ok and he said, with great passion, that the pie was disgustingly too sweet. I asked if



he needed anything else and he said no. So I walked away to get ready for my run quietly laughing. That image of George's expression is etched in my memory. Although the Little Debbie took him by surprise I also remember the happy glee in his eyes celebrating his birthday when Kate brought out her famous multilayer Chocolate cake. Kate's cake was much better than that Little Debbie's pie!

Betsy and I heard late of George's illness but were able to see him just before he died. George was in good hands with Kate by his side, her love and dedication to him showing in her care of him. I know it must have been, and remains, hard on her. I am sure it gave George comfort to know she was there for him as he knew he would have done the same for her. My memory of George will not be of the last time I saw him. Rather it will be of him judging or maybe of him running one of his dogs. I have yet to say goodbye to that friend I lost a couple years ago and I will not say goodbye to George. Rather, I will just say see you down the road, George.

~Rob Drummond

*I met George and Kate through Betty Levin, long before I started to trial. George's unique pronunciation of my name endeared him to me immediately! I loved meeting him (and Kate) at trials; at his home when working on the calendar or working dogs; and in surprising places such as Tain, Scotland for the 2014 World Trials where he went golfing while we watched the trial. He was always a wonderful listener and an honest and often humorous giver of advice. His smile was contagious!*

~Martha Walke

I met George very very late in the game — in 2022 at Fetchgate and Dancing Ewe to be exact. He was such a gracious and supportive force, and I'm so sorry I hadn't gotten to know him earlier. At the same time, I'm very very grateful that I got to know him a bit at all.

~Pat Warne

*I have a number of supremely fond memories of things George said, memories that make me smile or laugh outright when I think of them. Unfortunately they are a little too risqué for print!*



~ Ginny Prince, DVM

I got to know George when I moved back to Massachusetts in 2017. I had volunteered to scribe at a trial, and George was judging. He always rooted for every handler, despite crappy sheep, or a crappy run. At trials where I knew George was judging, I was always eager to sit with him... to gain knowledge and wisdom, as well as to have many laughs with his dry wit. He is truly missed.

~ Christine Koval

*George was always so kind, considerate and helpful. When I was starting out with my dogs he offered great advice that I was ever so grateful for. I will always remember his kind manner and generous spirit. I will miss him on and off the field.*

~ Linda Hotchkiss

I've known Kate and George for a very long time through the dogs and the sheep. One fond memory that stands out to me is the following: I was out plant shopping (perennials, shrubs, etc.) with my neighbor, Jean, and we decided to stop at the Northfield Creamie for ice cream. We are sitting there eating and up the sidewalk comes George. He was stopping for ice cream after golfing. He got his and sat down with us and said they knew what

he liked and had a bowl of Bart's orange dutch chocolate ready for him when he came!

~ Denise Leonard

*What I think of when remembering George : his long dark wavy hair pulled into a ponytail, his deep voice and slow, thoughtful words when he spoke, his warm and welcoming smile. My awareness of George goes back about 20 years ago when I started to participate in sheepdog trials. In this sport, we have good runs and we have terrible runs too. When I watched George having a terrible run with his dog, he never appeared ruffled or upset. He'd just thank the judge and retrieve his dog.*



*In more recent years, I was often at George and Kate's farm for dog training and a visit. On arriving, I can picture George repairing a piece of farm equipment, doing a carpentry project and building something, sometimes sitting in his worn, red leather chair and reading the Boston Globe or doing a crossword puzzle. Many times he was washing dishes in the big soapstone sink. In the late afternoon, we'd usually enjoy tea and scones or brownies, something sweet, and talk about current events about which George was very well informed.*

*Sometimes, George would be coming home from a game of golf with friends. I'd ask him how his golf game had been and he'd usually say that he played a terrible game but still enjoyed it. Everything he did seemed natural and relaxed.*

*The only exception to George's cool, calm demeanor was when Kate, George and I were working together on a husbandry task with the flock of sheep, such as deworming or vaccinating. Then I could see some temper if George disagreed with how Kate wanted to go about the job. I was quite familiar with the difficulty in trying to negotiate who is in charge when working with your longtime partner. It was good to know that George could get heated up on occasion.*

*I miss that kind, generous and warm personality that was George Northrop.*

~ Val P

When I was a "baby" Novice handler, George seemed very exalted to me, but of course he was not. He was a kind and generous hippie with a wicked sense of humor. I regret not being able to know him better. George gave me my very first Open ever with my



dog Fly at a Cascade Farm trial, and I will always remember him for that. Also, as NEBCA Newsletter editor, I took over a newsletter in 2019 that had stopped printing trial scores since they tended to appear elsewhere such as on Facebook. At a club meeting at Cummington (one of the final in-person meetings before the Zoom era), the question of printing trial results in the newsletter was broached. George spoke up saying "I like seeing the results in the Newsletter. I like catching up on what everyone is doing". And so we



print trial results in the Newsletter.

~ Pam Mueller

*My introduction to George was at a fun run, following a Novice Trial in 2017.*

*I took advantage of the fun run because I was preparing to move my dog up to the Ranch class. George agreed to judge and critique the fun runs. I will always remember his kind words after my run. It made such an impression on me, a novice handler. Who knew, that the line from the cross drive panels to the pen had to be straight??? Thank you George - I will always remember!*

~ Pam Wataha

George and I shared a birthday. Our birthday is December 1.

Over many, many years, we would get together to celebrate the occasion either in Royalston or at my farm here in Hampton, Connecticut. There was always wonderful food at these occasions, the most memorable being Kates 7-layer chocolate cake, made especially for George and there was always a group of friends. This past December 1st, 2022, a group of us met here in Hampton at what would become our last shared birthday. George had finished his rounds of chemo and there was much to celebrate. His hair was growing back and he had a new dog! Once again on our birthday, we shared stories, we laughed and we reminisced. George and Kate and I shared our love of sheepdog trials. Over the years, we shared benches in the bleachers at the international sheepdog trials. We shared lodging at many of these events. We shared plane flights to and from these events in the UK. George and I also shared our interest in judging sheepdog trials.

George was a very astute judge. He studied the runs at the International and we'd discuss them. He gave a lot of thought as to how he would have scored the runs he watched. He then used all this experience to formulate his own standard for judging.

If you went to the post with George as judge, you knew you were competing under someone that understood the innuendos of sheepdog trials and judging in particular and most importantly, you knew you would be judged fairly. I think George would be very proud and honored to be remembered for this.

~ Carol Campion

*George Northrop how I will miss you. I first met George and his wife Kate through our love of Border Collies and dog trialing many years ago. I have many memories of George. If you were lucky enough to stay at the trial field overnight you might catch George coming out of his trailer with his hair down—he had beautiful hair -- and a cup of coffee in hand. He also loved blueberry muffins which I would bring him when I had a chance. One time, when I brought him one, he put it in the pocket of his shirt to save for later. He laid the shirt over a chair. I came along and sat in the chair, you guessed it, I crushed the muffin. I thought George was going to cry. I will miss his smile and the big hug he always gave me with a "Hi sweetie". Valentine's Day has a special meaning for me, as I always sent George a valentine card.*

~ Joanne Krause



# NEBCA Fall Foliage

**October 13-15 Canandaigua, NY**

**Judge: Gordon Watt**

## OPEN 1

**61 dogs ran**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Christine Koval	Tru	95
2.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	93
3.	Warren Mick	Tommy	93
4.	Paul Batz	Reyn	91
5.	John Palmer	Mara	89
6.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	88
7.	Chris Bowen	Gryff	87
8.	Barb Levinson	Meg	86
9.	Carol Weigand	Brody	85
10.	Gene Sheninger	Aron	83
11.	Marilyn Terpstra	Olive	83
12.	Mary Thompson	Daisy	83
13.	Teri Rhodes	Rudy	82
14.	Warren Mick	Lucy	82
15.	Paul Batz	Mya	81
16.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	80
17.	Mary Thompson	Teagan	80
18.	Carolyn West	Min	80

## OPEN 2

**61 dogs ran**

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Christine Koval	Tru	93
2.	Carolyn West	Min	91
3.	Warren Mick	Tommy	87
4.	Sue Schoen	Zoe	84
5.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	82
6.	Paul Batz	Mya	82
7.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	82
8.	Warren Mick	Lucy	82
9.	Mary Thompson	Teagan	81
10.	Kim Lippolis	Deke	81
11.	Kate Ash	Jack	81
12.	Fiona Robertson	Meg	81
13.	Tracy Hinton	Lad	81
14.	Marilyn Terpstra	Olive	81
15.	John Palmer	Mara	80
16.	Dave Sharp	Carl	80
17.	Chris Bowen	Griff	80
18.	David Goyer	Dan	79
19.	Judy Gambill	Mist	78
20.	Mary Thompson	Daisy	78



## DOUBLE LIFT

Place	Handler	Dog	Score (out of 160)
1.	Paul Batz	Reyn	139
2.	John Palmer	Mara	123
3.	Carolyn West	Min	116
4.	Warren Mick	Tommy	116
5.	Fiona Robertson	Bean	110
6.	Marilyn Terpstra	Olive	105
7.	Teri Rhodes	Zuben	104
8.	Barb Levinson	Meg	103
9.	Sue Schoen	Zoe	102
10.	Gene Sheninger	Aron	102
11.	Tracy Hinton	Tye	101
12.	Chris Bowen	Griff	96
13.	Christine Koval	Tru	90
14.	Mary Thompson	Daisy	77
15.	Carol Weigand	Brody	71

**Paul Batz & Reyn, Fall Foliage  
Double Lift Champion Team**



FALL FOLIAGE 2023: How it Went Down, by Val Henry

As quickly as the fall colors fade from the mountains, another NEBCA trial season and Fall Foliage Open Championship competition has come to pass. This year’s Open Trial Committee had a lot of fun planning the event, and even more fun hosting it at Ox Creek Farms. Not even the rainy days could dampen our spirits.


















We can’t thank **all** of our volunteers enough, because without you, the “show” literally could not have gone on. I want to give a special recognition to Paul’s family friend, Mary Mott. She not only made us delicious breakfast and lunches, but also lent a helping hand with set up, tear down, scribing and together with Carolyn West, beautifying the awards table for the ceremony following the double lift.


This year’s judge was Gordon Watt. He braved the elements with us every single day under the judge’s tent and had an extra big smile on his face judging the double lift. He enjoyed himself so much he stuck around Sunday afternoon and designed a bonus driving game for participants of the double lift who chose to stay and play.

One of the greatest aspects of this end-of-season Open Championship Competition is that you not only get to watch some of NEBCA’s most seasoned and experienced teams strut their stuff, but there are plenty of rising star teams who also earn hearty rounds of applause, like when Holly Fincher and Claire got their very first shed in competition.

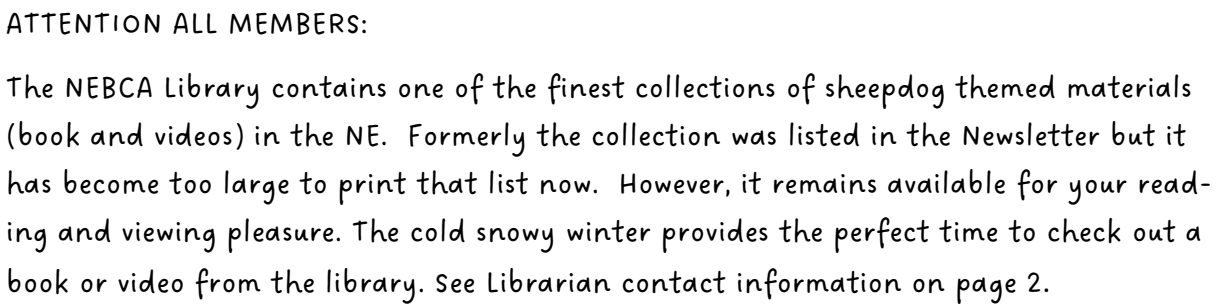
The first two days, Christine Koval and Tru danced the sheep to the top of the charts each day with their lovely precision work. But, whenever a trial offers a double lift, it is this particular event that commands our attention and captures our hearts. On the morning of that very cold and rainy Sunday, Champions Paul Batz and Reyn’s stellar teamwork did not disappoint. A hush fell upon the crowd for the rest of the day as other teams duked it out for the top spots. There were no RT’s or DQ’s on the scoreboard at the end of the day, and every dog successfully turned back for the second packet of sheep. The impressive team work between handlers and dogs will be etched in our memories for years to come as the gorgeous runs of Reserve Champions John Palmer and Mara, Carolyn West and Min and Warren Mick and Tommy rounded out the top four.

Thank you once again to all of the trial volunteers and participants. The OTC is already looking forward to Fall Foliage 2024



























ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:



The NEBCA Library contains one of the finest collections of sheepdog themed materials (book and videos) in the NE. Formerly the collection was listed in the Newsletter but it has become too large to print that list now. However, it remains available for your reading and viewing pleasure. The cold snowy winter provides the perfect time to check out a book or video from the library. See Librarian contact information on page 2.





NEBCA High Points Dog of the Year:

Christine Koval’s Tru, with an impressive 81 NEBCA points for trial year 2023

Christine had this to say about Tru: “I got her in June 2022, entered her at Fetch Gate the following month and she was 3rd out of over 90 dogs. We just clicked immediately and she’s been a fabulous dog for me! I truly am blessed to have her.”



Kim Russell

Tru continues to excel everywhere she goes and we are sure to see lots more of her in 2024

ABC No: 512648

Name @IMP. TRU

Owner CHRISTINE E. KOVAL

Sex Female

Date of Birth 7/20/2018

Trans. No. 1

Litter Females 1

Litter Males 0

Breeder A. KYME

Color and Markings B & W #95600006648026; Smooth

Sire ##LLANGWM CAP ISDS 315270

Owner: A. OWEN  
CLWYD WALES,

Breeder: A. OWEN  
CLWYD WALES,

Dam HIGH ASH ANNIE ISDS 344388

Owner: A. KYME  
LANCASHIRE ENG,

Breeder: R. DRIVER  
DERBYSHIRE ENG,

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Address:

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SIGNATURE OF PREVIOUS OWNER(S)

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## ROY ISDS 266416  
A. OWEN  
CLWYD WALES,  
FRAN ISDS 261711  
N. R. BIRD  
HEREFORDSHIRE UK,

GROESFAEN SPOT ISDS 324114  
M.N. O'MALLEY  
CO MAYO EIRE,  
JAN ISDS 308052  
K.M. HENRY

MIRK ISDS 302408  
A.D. SCRIMGEOUR  
CUMBRIA ENG,  
KILLIEBRAE LYN ISDS 286045  
R. DRIVER  
DERBYSHIRE ENG,

SPARC ISDS 214870  
E. WILLIAMS, GWYNEDD, WALES,  
JUNO ISDS 238592  
MRS. E. ROBERTS, BETWS Y COED, C  
## BOB ISDS 224454  
ALED OWEN, CLWYD WALES,  
LIL ISDS 223944  
A. OWEN, CLWYD WALES,  
## BOB ISDS 224454  
ALED OWEN, CLWYD WALES,  
NELL ISDS 244346  
G.S. OWEN, DENBIGH WALES,  
BOB ISDS 229309  
N.P. JONES, YORKS.  
GYP ISDS 231931  
N.F. JONES, E. YORKS,  
## ROY ISDS 266416  
A. OWEN, CLWYD WALES,  
GLENCREGG BECCA ISDS 289417  
G. EVANS, DENBIGHSHIRE WALES,  
SAM ISDS 272444  
J. TUNNEY, CO MAYO EIRE,  
JAN ISDS 270748  
J. TUNNEY, CO MAYO EIRE,  
MOSS ISDS 253068  
P. SIMPSON, STRATHTAY,  
GWEN ISDS 281083  
M. L. WATT, ANGUS SCOT,  
JOE (ROM) ISDS 280197  
R. DRIVER, DERBYSHIRE ENG,  
KILLIEBRAE DREAM ISDS 278184  
A.D. SCRIMGEOUR, CUMBRIA ENG,

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Signature of Owner: Deborah N. Bailey

Signature of Association: [Signature]

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## HOOD FARM NOVICE TRIAL by Jean Barrett

*(Ed. Note: results of this trial were published in the Fall newsletter; here you can read all about this exciting new Novice offering.)*

In the heart of western NY Amish country, along the southern end of Chautaugua Lake sits the small town of Ashville, NY. It is minutes from Jamestown and the many attractions of the Southern Tier of NY. This is where the Hood's farm trial was located. The farm had been well used by the Amish before Courtney Hood decided to acquire the barn and land. Lots of work has been and continues to be done to restore the barns for sheep. Courtney runs a commercial flock of North Country crosses. He has about 250 head presently and plans on growing the flock.

The Novice course was planned out to be very accessible to the parking area. Courtney had mowed it so the grass would be at a good length come trial day! It turned out beautiful and green when the weekend arrived. We had a great bunch of teams enter under judge Ron Madison. The weather was rather overcast and cloudy for the trial day. We had a good group of volunteers helping with all sorts of jobs. A huge thank you to all who lent a hand to make this trial a success.

The trial ran very smoothly. The course was long and a bit narrow. For the Ranch class the field called for some really good timing at the handler's post to turn for the first drive panel and getting the cross drive close to the mark. Then your next challenge was the pen. These sheep were not used to penning and so some of the strategies of pressuring the sheep did not work. The sheep easily ran off if you or the dog pushed them too hard. It was exciting to see some get the pen accomplished. The second day the pen was made into a chute of sorts and I think it was easier for the handlers to move the sheep through this.

Pro-Novice had a cross drive on the first day—and honestly if you had a



good turn at the first panel, the sheep headed for the cross drive panels pretty easily. The second day the cross drive was eliminated.

During the day on Saturday the road on which the farm is located had a bit of a traffic jam. There were

many vehicles parked along the road watching the action. Even the Amish buggies were stopping to catch a run or two.

The trial on Saturday ended around 3 pm – just in time before the whirlwind storm blew through. The wind picked up and the rain came down. As we stood in the barn waiting for the BBQ to arrive we noticed a Storm Chaser vehicle pulling in – we all had the same thoughts: is the storm worse than we thought? But no, the vehicle just happened to be doing dinner delivery instead of storm chasing that night. LOL. We appreciated the storm chaser bring in pulled pork, bris-

ket and fixings rather than a small tornado! Sunday's weather was much better. Sunny and cool. The trial ended early afternoon and many of the handlers were happy to get on the road earlier than expected.

The farm owner, Courtney, enjoyed the trial so much that he OK'd us to put on a trial for next year as well! He mentioned that at the local feed store everyone was asking him about the goings on at his farm over the weekend! The trial was quite the topic of talk all through the local community. I want to thank Courtney Hood for letting us come and have use of his farm and sheep. Ron Madison for doing an excellent job of judging and really helping the Novice teams get through the weekend. All the volunteers and helpers – you really did make this trial run smoothly – and a shout out to JoAnn Murphy for being a great teacher in the fine art of scorekeeping!





## WORLD SHEEP- DOG TRIALS

### DROMORE NORTHERN IRELAND

**Text and photos by Deb Donahue**

*Savage craic!\** Not good craic, YES savage craic that was the World Trial. After 3 long years I was able to attend the World Trial at the Gill Hall Estate in Dromore, County Down, Northern Ireland. My plans for attending in 2020 were dashed by the Covid Pandemic. I was determined not to miss out in 2023 and starting searching for travel companions in early 2023. I was fortunate to connect with Diane Geer, her daughter Stacy and Linda Pace through Carol Campion. Diane secured a lovely cottage, Drumnavaddy, in Dromore just two miles down the road from Gill Hall Estate. Our enthusiasm was high so we kept in frequent contact with plans and ideas for our trip. To my great joy I learned that Mary Ames, Peggy Flanagan, Sarah (Mary's daughter) and Aaron Deuell would be attending the trial and we were all on the same Aer Lingus Flight from Boston on September 11, 2023.

John McCullough was the tireless cheerful organizer of the trial. Due to misfortune the trial site for the World Trial was changed in May of 2022 so John had a huge challenge to pull together the stage for this trial in 16 months. From the moment I walked on the grounds on September 12th to the early evening departure after awards his presence was everywhere. The sheep were provided through the kindness of Robin McNinch, Sea-

mus and Hugh O'Kane and Frankie & Kevin McCullough. The sheep were Lanark Blackface ewes from the 1750 ft high hills of Slieve Croob in Dromara, Co Down. The Lanark Type Blackface Ewes (Lanark ewes crossed with Blue Faced Leicester rams or Blackface rams) came from the Glen's of Antrim, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. There were approximately 50 Sheep Stewards who cared for the 1200 sheep prior to and during the four day event.

As with many things in life filled with Border Collies and sheep, Northern Ireland and the Gill Hall did not disappoint. Like all of Ireland, it is meticulously clean with wondrous views and filled with polite, congenial folks. Gill Hall is a 510 acre Estate that raises internationally known Old Glenort Angus and Uppermill Shorthorn cattle. Gill Hall is owned by Bill Porter and his son, James. James has been showing Angus cows since 1997 and has developed his own unique Angushorn breed with a goal to evolve the ultimate in prime beef. Gill Hall hosted the 2018 International very successfully and was the ideal back drop to host the 2023 World Trial. The estate has scrupulously maintained barns, roads, fences and the richest green grass.

The Opening Ceremony was held in the early evening of an absolutely stunning Irish day. The air was clean with sunlight dappling the emerald green field which was speckled with hundreds of sheep grazing on the upper slope. The Parade of Nations was jubilant with the brightly colored flags flying from 32 nations carried by the marching handlers with their dogs wearing team jackets and caps. Each national team



*\*savage craig: An Irish saying meaning a good time, everyone having fun*



was welcomed in their own language then the individual handlers names were announced for each country. Cheers were heard from spectators who waved their national flags with pride as their home team marched

just to our right. It was obvious he was there to watch a particular run so we paid special attention to that handler and dog.



There were three trial fields used for the first two days of preliminary rounds. Field 1 was the largest field and the main stage for the event. This field held some preliminary rounds, the semi-finals and finals. Behind this field were the grandstands, ISDS marquee, vendors tents, food trucks, beer tent and hundreds of portable toilets. This venue was first class as the portable toilets flushed and the tents had wooden floors so on rainy days one was able to get out of the mud. The beer tent had nu-

to the center of the trial field.

So flag wave and cheer we did for Team USA and the Canadian Team. The sole young handler, under 18, representing the USA was Haley Fogt from Ohio running Mattie. The USA senior handlers were Faansie Basson, Alasdair MacRae, Bob Allen, Marianna Schreeder, Barbara Ray, Ron Burkey, Alicia Lund, Lise Anderson, and Dave Imas. Canadian Team members Tracy Hinton, Kevan Gretton, Scott Glen and George Stambulic are often seen at eastern USA Trials.

Our seats in the Randox Grandstand back row gave us ideal views of the post, fetch panels, drive and pen. As you looked at the field we were to the left of the ISDS handlers tent, the VIP stands and the judges box. We had great seats. Vicki Close did most of her filming in this area. If you haven't seen her videos from the World Trial take a minute to check them out on her Farm Digity Facebook page. An added bonus was that Kevin Evans climbed over the seats many times to take a seat

merous tables so event goers could get out of the rain to sit and eat their lunches as not everyone had grand-



stand seating; many stood along the fence lines clothed in rain gear under umbrellas. The area was rich in green grass on opening night but turned to a sea of mud by the final day.

Trial field 2 and 3 were a distance away along a wonderful farm road that was composed of crushed stone

for easy walking. A shuttle bus carried spectators more than half way to these fields and then one had to walk the additional distance. Each field was unique in shape and each posed unique difficulties for handlers and dogs. For the two qualifying days each of the 3 fields ran 60 dogs and the top seven scores from each field advanced to the semifinals.

One of the most difficult decisions was choosing which handlers to watch on which field. The fields were far enough apart so it was not a quick 10 minute jaunt to get between fields. Many of the great handlers were running about the same time - so choices had to be made. One of my goals was to watch them all but it was not possible.

For the preliminary runs the dogs had a 400 yard fetch and 150 yard drive away and cross-drive. The pen was the ISDS regulation 9 ft x 8 ft. The aggregate score for the preliminaries was 220 as there were two judges. I started on field 1 supporting Bob Allen and Joey, Team USA, who was eighth up. They had a good run scoring 161 with no single which allowed them to move on to the semi-final. Next up was Meg Hutchinson with Katie, this year's English National Champion. Unfortunately for them they did not get the shed, pen, single. A great disappointment I am sure. Ian Brownlie, Nigel Watkins, Derek Scrimgeour, Aled Owen, Rob Ellis, Paddy Fanning and Scott Glen followed. It could

not get better than this watching these successful handlers. The packets of five sheep were very consistent but occasionally there would be a renegade in the group that beat to their own feet.

Later, I headed from the stands to the ISDS Marquee to check scores and could not figure

out why I was the only one in front of the score board. I looked around and saw a semi-circle of dignitaries and a woman with a bouquet of flowers. Ah! Princess Anne is here! I stepped outside the tent along with two photographers but our ideal position was soon revoked by a very tall gentleman wearing an ear piece. No questions asked!!! We just moved where he directed us, which was to another prime spot. Princess Anne often attends the International and World Trials and especially enjoys Gill Hall to visit with James Porter about cattle. Princess Anne is a Patron of the ISDS and the Shorthorn Society. She has cattle at her home, Gatcombe Park, in south-west England.

Day two was cool and partly cloudy as we started our trek to Field 2 with a stop at the food truck for a hot coffee. This field had a course that started with a slight down hill and then uphill to gather the sheep. The fetch was downhill and the drive away was down and then up. The cross drive was across the uphill side and there appeared to be a track on the cross drive line that the sheep liked to follow but not to the cross drive panel.

I had come to watch Sergio Perello compete with Maguia Jim (twice English National champion 2018 & 2021). They had a fine run scoring 192 points. Alistair Lyttle (a well known face to NEBCA members as he has judged the Fall Foliage) ran shortly after Sergio with



**Abundant Mud, Irish style**



Sergio Perello and Jim on Field 2, Prelims



Mick. Nij Vyas( English National Champion in 2022) with Kemi Lara, Kevin Evans (Supreme Winner 2018) with Prescili Ci and Aled Owen (World Trial Winner 2002 & 2008) with Jim followed.

It was a long morning of standing as there was not any seating at Field 2 and Field 3, and way too far to walk with a chair. I leaned against a post and moved from one foot to the next to stay limber and so as not to loose my good viewing area. As the morning progressed the crowd continued to increase and the rumble of quiet conversations hummed. A large contingent of the Wales team began to gather as they stood near the judges and handler area with their stylish hats and jackets or vests.

Before Kevin Evans run, Viola Hebler, a veterinarian from



**Petter Landfeld & Max. Perfect pen score in the Finals**

Germany had a noteworthy run with Dean which got her into the semi-finals with a score of 195 points. Viola has been a serious competitor in numerous World and Continental Trials. When it was time for Kevin Evans and Ci to walk to the post the viewing area was full and there was total silence which lasted the entire run. It was a very nice

go but I never expected to see the sheep miss the fetch panels. It hadn't appeared to be a real challenge to make those panels in previous runs. I guess it happens to

the best. Cheers and rounds of applause followed his run.

Aled Owen and Jim were up in one. They made the fetch gates but the sheep were difficult and came back through the drive away panels and were challenging to move across the field. It was not one of Aled's best days.

With tired feet and a stiff back I headed to lunch and a grandstand seat at Field 1. There, Petter Landfeld had a very nice run with a very black dog that had a very firm yet gentle hold on the sheep during the drive with a very nice pace. We hung in our seats to watch Serge Van Der Zweep run Bet, daughter of his famous Gary.

Then I hustled to field 3. The last three runs there were bound to be good and they did not disappoint. Team Wales was there in force to watch, so I knew this was going to be something to see. Tom O'Sullivan (Ireland) ran his alternate dog, North Hill Tess, who was the Supreme winner in 2021. It looked like a great run but sadly not good enough to make the semi-finals. Next was Ben Smith (English Team Member) running Roy who scored 190 points to advance to the semi-finals. The last to compete was US Team Member Faansie Basson running Elfa Finn. No bias, but it was a lovely run to watch and cheer on. A big sigh of relief when he completed his single. Their score of 199 gave them 8th place in the combined heat of 239 runs. Best news of all was now the USA had five team scores. Whoopee!



**Faansie Basson getting the Single in the Prelims**

### Team Competition

A team competition ran concurrently with the individual competition. Each nation chose five handler/dog teams from among all its team members to be the "National Team". The scores from these dogs came from their preliminary individual runs during the first two days of the competition. There were two judges for the preliminary rounds for an aggregate score of 220. At the end of the second day of qualifying the points scored by Team Member Dogs were combined to provide an overall team score and thus the nations were sorted.

There were 22 Country Teams. Members of the USA Team were:

**Bob Allen with Joey** ran on day one Field 1 and scored 161pts High score for that field on that day was Rob Ellis with 168 points.

**Marianna Schroeder** ran on day 2 on Field 1 and scored 159 pts. High score for that on that day was James McCloskey with 192 points.

**Alasdair MacRae with Tweed** ran on day one Field 2 and scored 194 pts. High score on that field on that day was Martin 'Malley with 206 points.

**Barbara Ray with Big Bend Grant** ran on day one Field 3 and scored 133 pts. High points for that field on that day was James McGee with 200 points.

**Faansie Basson with Elfa Finn** ran on day two Field 3 and scored 199 pts. High score on that field on that day was David Howells 203 points.

**Team USA finished third out of 22 teams behind first place Ireland and second place Spain/Portugal.**

### Semi-final Round

Friday dawned a cold, gloomy rainy day for the semi-finals but my friends and I would be tucked into our great seats at the top of the bleachers to watch the 42 dogs. Only 16 would advance to the finals. Almost all the well known handlers were there to do their best in front of the five judges for an aggregate score of 550. The rain poured down, the chill hit the bones, and the beautiful grass turned to a sea of slippery mud but there were smiles on-

every face despite the weather.

The outrun was slightly longer and the drive away was changed from left to right. Needless to say it was a breath taking site to see those five sheep move across the field in the soft Irish rain. I hunkered in my seat until I was cold enough or curious enough to slop through the mud to check on scores and calculate what score was needed to make the finals. Several of my top 16 picks that didn't ad-



David Howells & Pip heading  
for the cross drive in the Finals

vance were Michael Gallagher, Sergio Perello with either of his dogs, Serge Van Der Zweep, Michael Schearer and Alasdair MacRae. Rob Ellis, one of the later runs, scored the highest semi-final run with a 501. Scott Glen, from Canada and Pip were 16th. Whew!

Some of "sunny" parts of this day was my warm conversation with Fiona McMillan, a judge in the northeast this past summer. Fiona has been an instrumental member of the committees that have put on the International and World Trials including 2023. The next comforting part of the day was Mary Ames directing me to the warmest hot chocolate with extra cream. Having lunch in the warm crowd filled beer tent and lastly an evening at Boyle's cozy pub drinking Guinness and talking dogs.



World Trial Champion

Saturday, the last day and the most thrilling to watch was the gathering, driving and the sorting of twenty sheep. Kevins Evans, David Howells and Rob Ellis had the advantage of running on this field before as they competed in the International in 2018 which Kevin won with Ci. A long outrun and fetch to gather the first ten, a tricky turn back and dog leg second fetch with ten more, then the drive that looked easy but caused problems at the cross-drive panel, international shed and pen. There wasn't one part of the course that was not problematic. Some dogs had issues with the first outrun not realizing that the sheep were set further up the hill; the fetch was tricky as the handler lost sight of the sheep while those of us in the stands could see them. The turn back involved several factors that made it tricky. First the dog went up a slight hill towards a grove of trees. Most dogs turned in well before the trees and headed out of sight of the handler down a steep hill. The lay of the land brought the dogs left into a swale that brought them under the sheep. There were 16 long tense moments before the dogs reappeared either going up the hill to arrive behind the sheep or in the swale underneath

the sheep. If needed all the handlers were able to stop and redirect their dogs to find the second packet of ten sheep. The dog leg fetch was tricky as there were panels that sheep had to skim the top of to be on line. For some handlers the cross drive panels were a problem going both low and high. Shedding is always interesting and only six handlers got their shed and pen.

With great joy I joined my companions to watch the World Trial Awards Ceremony. With pride we cheered on Team USA for their team placing and two successful final runs. The interesting thing at this level is that often superior out work and driving gives a handler a high placing. James McLaughlin lost only 4 points on his drive and finished 4th with no shed or pen. Scott Glenn and Paddy Fanning lost only 9 points off their sheds which looked like well choreographed dances. When the day was done our Canadian neighbor, Scott Glen with Pip was third. USA Team members, Bob Allen with Joey was fourteenth and Faansie Basson with Finn was fifteenth. Petter Landfald from Norway with Max (a very black dog) were World Champions. Petter and Max rose above the other handlers as they had excellent out work with ten points off the first outrun and zero points off the lift. Then a good turn back with six points off and then an other zero point off lift. They lost fifty-five points off the shed but had zero points off their pen. Of the final sixteen handlers there were only eight completed sheds and six completed pens. There were no retired runs or disqualifications in the finals.

Reflections from my traveling companions:

**Diane:** "I was in awe of all the countries that participated. Many teams traveled great distances to participate. Such a broad palette of differing styles of handling. So much like our human Olympics."

**Linda:** "So many wonderful memories for the 2023 ISDS World Trial in North Ireland. After flying into Dublin and renting a car we headed to our cottage in Dromore, North Ireland. But first, a quick lesson (or not so quick) on driving a car with the steering wheel on the op-



**Kevin Evans goes to the post in the Finals**

posite side and on the opposite side of the road. No problem? Mastered those roundabouts in no time. What fabulous runs from so many talented handlers and their dogs! The third day was the Semi Finals. At the end of the day sixteen teams had earned the honor of competing in the finals on the following day. The USA was well represented by three teams. The finals included a double lift on a very challenging course. I left thinking that everyone that competed was a winner. In between all of this I managed to see Princess Anne, make a quick appearance in the BBC video, experience several Irish Pubs, and bring home a lovely crook."

Peggy: "What a wondrous trip it was to be able to go to the Worlds in Ireland. Highlights of my experience were watching the world's best sheepdogs and their handlers navigate the courses on some of the most beautiful fields I've ever seen. I imagined handling my dogs through these courses on these fields...oh what an experience that would be. I wanted

to focus my watching on key handlers: Kevin Evans, Scott Glen, Alasdair MacRae, James McGee, Aled Owen, Serge Van Der Zweep, and Faansie Basson to name a few. It required running from field one to field three back to field one and then on to field two. I focused on watching how the dogs lifted the sheep, how they covered draws, how they shed and penned. In particular I paid attention to how the handlers did their turnbacks. Scott Glen and Kevin Evans gave us nail biting finishes in the double lift with merely seconds to spare at the pen. Just remarkable handling that I tried to engrave in my mind. It was a great time spent with some great friends all enjoying the sport we love in such a beautiful country. I didn't want to leave. "



#### The Winners:

1. Petter Landfeldt & Max, Norway
2. Kevin Evans & Presili Cl, Wales
3. Scott Glen & Pip, Canada

#### A Visit to an Irish Sheep Farm

Sunday dawned a very rainy day but disregarding the weather Linda Pace, Sherry Lee, Carol Underwood and myself headed off to Donegal where we were guests of James and Karen McGee at their Glengregg Farm in Ballybofey. We were welcomed into their kitchen for tea and various cakes. Glengregg Silver (winner of the Supreme in 2014) who is now retired to the house joined us. James told us how he was born and raised on this farm along with their three children who were raised here and continue to work on the farm. They have 500 Lanark Ewes and suckler Belgian Blue-cross-Limousin cows. The weather conditions are so wet now the cows have to be housed inside where they are fed silage and concentrates otherwise they would destroy the pastures by digging them up with their hooves due to their weight. He has been a farmer with border collies most his life and took over the farm from his parents in 1995. He really got interested in trialing after he attended the final day of the Supreme in Seaforde, Northern Ireland in 2002. That was the year Stuart Davidson won (score 493) with 8 year old Star, later owned by Amanda Milliken. Bobby Dalziel was second



with Jack (score 446). Bobby and Jack had an exemplary run with no shed or pen.

James said that he was mostly self taught, watched many “One Man and His Dog” competitions and got advice from other handlers in the early days. James success soared rapidly winning the Irish National with Becca in 2005 and 2008. He won the World Trial with Becca in 2011 and the Supreme in 2014 with Glengregg Silver. In 2023, James ran young Roeldog Becca, only nineteen months old, to 13th place in the Irish National and 9th place in the 2023 World Trial. Roeldog Becca and James were Irish Team Members at the Supreme this year but did not place high enough in the preliminaries to advance to the final day.

James and Karen showed us their farm and he worked three dogs for us. We also had a young pup accompany us on our visit. The pup had free rein as James had a recall on him. The first dog was Sam, a black and white rough coat, that is coming two. James said he was having trouble getting Sam to drive but his daughter said she had gotten him driving while James was away as she hoped to compete him in the Nursery’s this winter. Next was Fleet, one of his current successful open dogs. Fleet dashed down the hill across the field over the fence and gathered the far away white dots knowingly bringing them through the gate. The final Glengregg “star” was Gold, a tri-colored, smooth coated, nine month old pup that James is training up for the Nursery’s this winter. It was just amazing to watch this young dog gather, stop, flank and drive so correctly. As the day was closing we took one more glance across the fields to hills beyond, a never tiring breath taking vista and gave our heartfelt thanks to the McGees for this icing on our cake visit for a far too short stay in Northern Ireland.



James McGee, his wife Karen and one of their dogs, Astrid Gold

**go n-éirí an bothar leat chun bualadh leat go dit go bhfillfidmid. “ May the road rise up to meet you-until we return “**

*Editor’s Note: \*\*Mary Ames posted many excellent photos and videos to the NEBCA FB page and you can view them by scrolling back to mid Sept.\*\**

### THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Please renew your NEBCA membership. The fee is now \$30 per individual, \$35 for a family. The form is within this newsletter OR, if you are reading online, download it or renew with Paypal
2. VOTE for the BOD candidates. Form enclosed here or, again, find it on the website. You MUST MAIL the ballot to Martha Walke. Don’t forget to look the back —if you will not be at the Annual Meeting March and want someone to vote your wishes, select a proxy.
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**SUGAR BUSH GAP FARM: NOVICE LEARNING TRIAL**

Windsor NY Nov 12

Hosted by Sara Reiter

Judge: Pam Davies

Special thanks to Kim Lippolis who worked pushing out all day, Sandy Lockwood for scorekeeping and Skylar Landis for holding out and Pam Davies for judging and offering helpful and supportive comments. And everyone pitched in to help - thank you.

Special congratulations to the **high combined Novice Novice team - David Schenk and Skylar, high combined Pro Novice Nancy Ortiz Sharp and Wind** and **high combined Ranch Skylar Landis and Tate**. The Sunday trial followed a very interesting and informative judging clinic with Barbara Armata on Saturday. ~ Sara

**NOVICE 1** 6 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Heather Pekarovich	Magic	61
2.	David Schenck	Skylar	51
3.	Wayne Simon	Faye	42

**NOVICE 2** 5 dogs ran

Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1.	Wayne Simon	Cody	62
2.	Preston Ray	Hope	60
3.	Wayne Simon	Faye	56
4.	David Schenck	Skylar	52

**PRONOVICE 1** 8 dogs ran

1.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	What	67
2.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	62
3.	Sara Reiter	Zac	59
4.	Tammy Pruitt	Pi	53
5.	Sara Reiter	Cliff	53
6.	Jay Best	Shep	49

**PRONOVICE 2** 8 dogs ran

1.	Caroline Pover	Kali	73
2.	Jay Best	Shep	60
3.	Tammy Pruitt	Pi	54
4.	Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Wind	54
5.	Sara Reiter	Cliff	54
6.	Sara Reiter	Zac	51

**RANCH 1** 5 dogs ran

1.	Skylar Landis	Tate	60
2.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	55

**RANCH 2** 5 dogs ran

1.	Mason Hotter	Laddie	78
2.	Skylar Landis	Tate	74
3.	Skylar Landis	Coal	68

**ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING PHOTOGRAPHERS, THE NEBCA CALENDAR NEEDS YOU**

A call out for photographs of your dogs for possible use in the 2025 calendar. Photographs can be black and white or color (we can convert to black and white). The cover photograph will be in color but all others will be in black and white. Please submit High Resolution Images (e.g. 300 DPI), landscape not portrait, and the focus clear and sharp with good contrast. Images should be of working dogs with or without livestock and be visually interesting. Photographs from all seasons would be great. All submissions should include the dog's, owner's, and photographer's names as well as the submitter's contact information in case we have any questions. Please only submit photographs that you have permission from the photographer to use in the calendar.

*Also, if any members have an artistic flair, we would love some small drawings to put throughout the calendar. Drawings on the back cover will be in color but those in the rest of the calendar will be in black and white.*

All submissions for photographs and drawings must be received by February 1, 2024. Please email submissions to: [NEBCACalendars@gmail.com](mailto:NEBCACalendars@gmail.com) Thank you.



## NEBCA Treasurer's report 3rd Quarter 2023

INCOME	Year to 9/30	Projected In budget	EXPENSES	Year to 9/30	Projected in budget
<b>Advertisements</b>			<b>Administrative</b>	\$987.23	\$850
Newsletter	—		<b>Awards (High Pts 2022 &amp; 2023)</b>	\$764.70	\$350
Website	\$89		<b>Bank Charge</b>	\$33	\$50
<b>Total Advertisements</b>	\$89	\$50	<b>Calendar</b>		
<b>Breeders Directory</b>			Postage	\$293.98	
In Calendar	—		Layout and Printing	\$905.71	
In Newsletter	\$10		<b>Total Calendar</b>	\$1199.69	\$1200
On Website	\$82		<b>Gifts given</b>	\$100	
<b>Total Breeders Directory</b>	\$92	\$150	<b>Insurance</b>	\$1220	\$1200
<b>Calendar Sales</b>			<b>Education</b>	\$3533.45	\$1000
To members	\$640		<b>Legal/Professional</b>	\$3.50	
To non-members	\$188.12		<b>Library</b>		
Shipping	\$39.08		Books & Video purchase	\$24.95	
<b>Total Calendar Sales</b>	\$867.20	\$2000	Library Administration	\$40.07	
<b>Education Committee</b>	\$8550	\$1500	<b>Total Library</b>	\$65.02	\$350
<b>Bank Interest</b>	\$571.29	\$25	<b>Merchandise</b>		
<b>Library lending fees</b>	\$8	\$100	Cost of goods sold	—	
<b>Membership Dues</b>			Postage	\$6.15	
Family dues	\$1154		Refund	\$26.50	
Individuals	\$5781		<b>Total Merchandise</b>	\$32.65	\$500
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	\$6935	\$6000	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$91.94	
<b>Merchandise Sales</b>	\$880.50	\$500	<b>Newsletter</b>		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$92.54		Postage	\$396.51	
<b>Newsletter donation</b>	\$10		Printing	\$1052.98	
<b>Equipment Rental</b>	—	\$50	<b>Total Newsletter</b>	\$1448.39	\$2000
<b>Novice Finals</b>			<b>Paypal transaction fee</b>	\$264.84	\$400
ABCA Promotion	\$1000	\$1000	<b>Refund</b>	\$15.50	
Entries	\$3280		<b>Fall Foliage Contribution</b>		\$4000
Handlers dinner	\$980		<b>Fall Foliage expense (as of 9/30/23)</b>		
T shirts	\$209.76 (2022 & 2023)		Caterer & food	\$200	
<b>Novice Finals Total Income</b>	\$5469.76 (as of 9/30/23)		Insurance	\$50	
<b>Fall Foliage</b>			Judge & Travel	\$191.90	
ABCA Promotion	\$1000	\$1000	Portapotties	\$473	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,565.29</b>	<b>\$12,375</b>	Ribbons & awards	\$381.23	
			<b>Total Fall Foliage</b>	\$1296.15 (as of 9/30/23)	
			<b>Novice Finals Contribution</b>		\$4000
			<b>Novice Finals (as of 9/30/23)</b>		
			Equipment Rental	\$575.19	
			Food and Snacks	\$55.13	
			Handlers Dinner	\$980	

**EXPENSES, cont.                      Year to 9/30    Projected in budget****Novice Finals cont**

Insurance	\$50
Judge	\$600
Portapotties	\$354.76
Ribbons & Awards	\$1212.67
Sheep rental	\$1500
Sheep pen workers	\$500
Supplies	\$128.21
<b>Total Novice Finals</b>	<b>\$6955.85</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,801.91</b>	<b>\$15,900</b>
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**Account Balances                      9/30/2023                      12/31/2022**

Bank of America Checking	\$7424.13	\$7059.50
Greenfield Coop Bank	\$17,873.37	\$19,806.91
GCB 15 mo CD	\$10,309.89	—
GCB 8 mo CD	\$18,253.87	—
Capital One	—	\$19,018.14
Paypal	\$459.26	\$1584.09
Cash	—	\$100

<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,330.52</b>	<b>\$47,567.64</b>
<b>MONIES ON HAND</b>		

**VOTE!**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS election**  
**will be hotly contested!!**

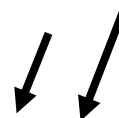
**FOUR Candidates for TWO spots!**

**Don't miss the chance to vote**

**Deadline for ballot receipt:**

**February 17**

If you have never been to or competed in a Points and Time trial —check it out! They are fast paced and a lot of fun with great audience support and pay-back. Next up is the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg Jan. 6 and 7, then look for these trials at New England fairs next summer

**Lancaster Fair Open Points & Time**

*Lancaster, NH                      15 dogs ran*

Place	Handler	Dog	Points earned	Time (min)
1.	Peggy Flanagan	Camden	32	2:42
2.	Nancy Phillips	Dewy	28	2:22
3.	Dave Young	Tagh	28	2:23
4.	Dave Young	Mia	28	2:34
5.	Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	27	2:28
6.	Lynn Deschambeault	Vic	25	3:41
7.	Maria Mick	Nick 3	24	2:38
8.	Lynn Deschambeault	Poppy	20	4:00
9.	Carol Weigand	Brody	18	3:26
10.	Steve Lyons	Erin	15	1:56

**FUN RUN WINNER TAKE ALL JACKPOT (10 dogs ran)**

1.	Dave Young	Mia	28	1:56
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The Editor apologizes for delaying these August results until now.



# NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR 2023/2024

See NEBCA website for more info, clickable entry links, and most up-to-date information

This calendar represents only the trials scheduled with NEBCA as of 11/20/23

Date	Trial Name	Location	Classes Offered	Host/Contact	Phone/Text
Dec 8-10	Wayside Farm	Hackettstown NJ	2 Open, 2 Nursery	Gene Sheninger Teri Rhodes	973-615-9053 914-204-2543
Dec 30	May Brook New Years	Pittsfield MA	1 Open	Sue Schoen	413-344-9514
<b>2024</b>					
Jan 6-7	PA Farm Show	Harrisburg, PA	2 Open Point and Time	Carolyn West	860-729-0550 (text)
July 4-7	Fecth Gate Farm 2.0	Cortland, NY	2 Open, 3 Nursery	Carolyn West	860-729-0550 (text)

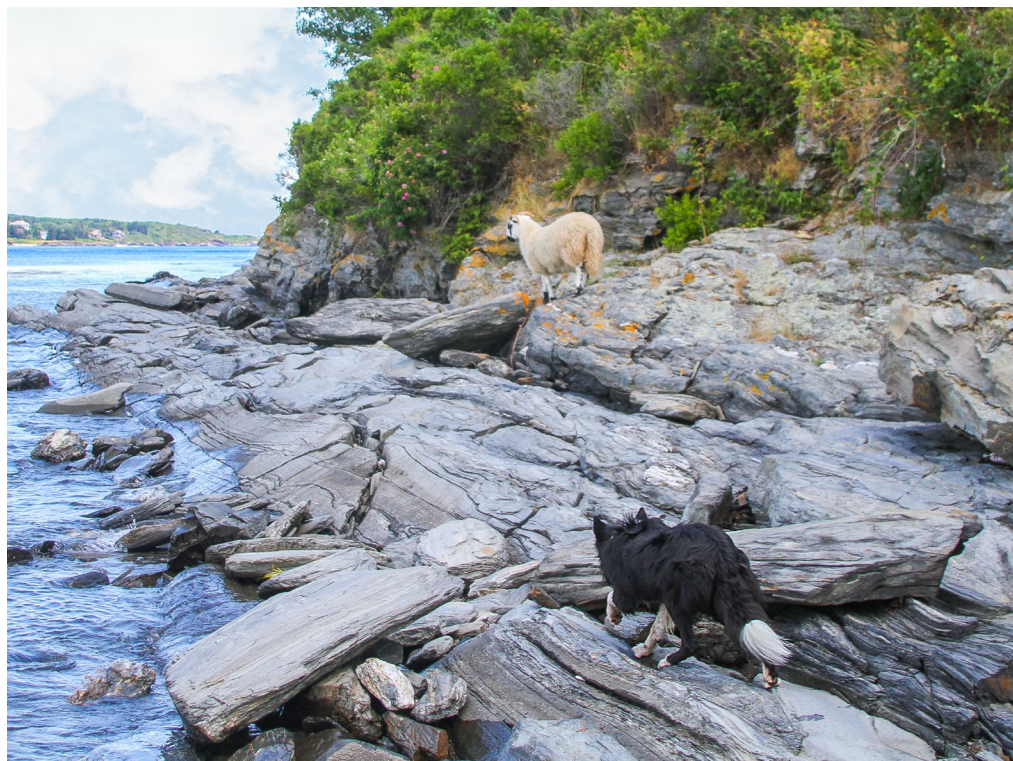
## 2022 NEBCA Breeders' Directory

Cheryl & Dick Williams  
4835 State Rte 2002  
Hop Bottom, PA 18824  
570-499-0316  
culleymont@gmail.com

SEE THE NEBCA WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL BREEDER LISTINGS

**NEBCA**  
**257 Athol Richmond Road**  
**Royalston, MA 10368**

**NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING Saturday March 2**  
**Via Zoom. Time TBA**



**NEBCA 2024 SHEEP-  
DOG CALENDARS**

Order and pay (\$10) with your membership renewal and shipping is free.

Otherwise, order from:

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Ledyard, CT 06339  
geerdiane@gmail.com  
860-941-7575

**Price with shipping:**

One Calendar to USA:

\$12.65

Two Calendars to USA:

\$23.97

Three Calendars to USA:

\$35.29

TO CANADA:

1: \$14.15 USD

2: \$25.97 USD

3: \$37.29 USD